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1. POPULAR DAILY "GUNAYDIN" AND CONSERVATIVE "SON HAVADIS" FEBRUARY 13 CARRIED STATEMENT BY DEFENSE MINISTER FERIT MELEN TO EFFECT THAT GOT DOES NOT INTEND TO ABANDON F-4 PROGRAM IF DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT (DCA) IS NOT APPROVED BY MARCH 31, 1977. MELEN, WHO MADE STATEMENT TO TURKISH NEWS AGENCY (THA) REPORTER, WAS QUOTED AS FOLLOWS: "IF THE TURKISH-AMERICAN DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT DOES NOT TAKE FORCE IN TIME, WE WILL TRY TO PAY THE INSTALLMENTS ON THE PHANTOMS ORDERED FROM OTHER SOURCES." PRESS REPORTS ADDED THAT \$60 MILLION THIRD INSTALLMENT OF THE TOTAL \$450 MILLION SALE IS DUE ON MARCH 31. (NOTE: IT IS NOT KNOWN FROM PRESS REPORTS WHETHER MELEN VOLUNTEERED THIS STATEMENT OR WAS PROMPTED BY THA REPORTER'S QUERY.)

2. COMMENT: MELEN'S APPARENTLY FIRM STATEMENT ON F-4 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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